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Title: Need to declare and promote Tezpur in Assam as a tourist destination.

SHRI RAM PRASAD SARMAH (TEZPUR): Madam Speaker, I want to raise a very important issue concerning tourism in the North-East, particularly, in my Tezpur Constituency.

Tezpur should me made as a tourist destination in Assam and the North-East. Tezpur is surrounded by Orang, Kaziranga, Nameri and Tawang. So, there should be a tourist circuit established in Tezpur. There should also be a regular flight from Kolkata to Tezpur and New Delhi to Tezpur. There are about 150 teagardens in Tezpur. The Army Establishment is there; the Army headquarters is there; SSB headquarters is there; CRPF headquarters is there; and ITBP headquarters is also there. It is nearer to Arunachal Pradesh.

Madam, Arunachal Pradesh is the Switzerland of the East. It is the most beautiful place in India. People want to go there, but there is no regular flight. So, declaring Tezpur as a tourist destination, which is surrounded by Kaziranga, Orang, Nameri and Tawang would help the tourist sector to grow there.

I would also request the Government to see that there should be a regular flight from New Delhi to Tezpur and also from Kolkata to Tezpur so that tourism can be developed there and thousands of young people can get employment. Historically and religiously also, Tezpur is an important place. It is a place of Har and Hari where Lord Shiva and Lord Krisha fought war. There is also Vishwanath Temple, which is second to Kashi Vishwanath Temple in U.P.

So, I would again request the Government of India to develop Tezpur as a major tourism destination in India. Thank you.

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